

BIRTH CONTROL PUT UP TO ARMS PARLEY

Open Letter, Adopted at
Meeting Here, Urges All
Nations to Act.

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Rapid Population Growth
Is Called One of Causes
of Conflicts.

PETITION TO CONGRESS

Funds for Research Sought—
Many Attend Banquet Which
Closes Sessions.

At the session yesterday of the first American birth control conference, held in the Hotel Plaza, an open letter was adopted and sent to the conference on limitation of arms at Washington, urging that all nations "recognize the importance of well distributed birth control among all classes as a means of raising the standard of life and of guaranteeing the peace of the world."

A resolution was adopted asking Congress to appropriate an amount sufficient to allow the United States Public Health Service to undertake medical research methods for the control of disease, and publish such reports through constituted health authorities throughout the United States. A petition will be sent to Gov. Miller to recommend to the next session of the Legislature the appointment of a commission to investigate the decline of the birth rate.

Among those speaking at the afternoon session were Andre Tridon, psychoanalyst; Harold Cox, former labor member of the British Parliament; C. V. Drysdale, president of the Malthusian League of London; Dr. W. F. Roble of Baldwinville, Mass., and James Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor. There are many well known physicians attending the conference, which was brought about by Mrs. Margaret Sanger, the well known birth control advocate.

Mr. Tridon took for his subject "Birth

Control and Psychoanalysis," and declared that fear transmitted to children by women who have "borne too many children and dread having more" is one of the greatest factors responsible for the increasing number of neurotics, hysterics and subnormal types.

"Urge the organizing of community circles to study sex hygiene under the teaching of qualified physicians in good standing," Mr. Tridon said. "In these community circles there could be the free discussion of contraceptive methods as a means of taking sex knowledge from the gutter, where most rich and poor children alike learn it. Such knowledge should be placed in the hands of those who may most wisely impart it to the young."

Mr. Cox declared that extremely foolish laws in this country prevent the dissemination of birth control knowledge, and that such statutes were founded upon prudery and ignorance and merely a reflection upon the thoughtlessness of politicians and industrial leaders.

The speaker said that America does not seem to realize that if its population increases through the native birth rate for the next 500 years proportionately the same as during the last forty years this country will have a population of more than 4,000,000,000 people.

"Birth control is one of the great fundamental problems, because nations with large and rapid increases in population must have room for expansion," said Mr. Cox. "This was the question with Germany. It is the underlying point of difference between Japan and the United States. In England we have birth control and there is no law against the dissemination of such information. Three men in the forefront of the movement are Dean Ingle of St. Paul's Cathedral, the Bishop of Birmingham, and Lord Dawson, the King's physician."

Speaking on the subject "Birth Control and Disarmament," Dr. Drysdale, among other things, said:

"Birth control or war! This alternative is the logical deduction from the Darwinian theory of the struggle for existence and the survival of the fittest. The crime of Germany was that after clearly recognizing this she chose the course she did, but the rest of the world was accessory to the crime by glorifying the increase and multiply theory."

The Letter to the Conference.

The open letter sent to the Washington conference reads in part:

"This conference desires to draw attention to the vital importance of the population question from the point of view of national security and world peace.

"If ever recurring wars are to be prevented the people of each country must be able to live in reasonable comfort within their own borders. This can only be secured by a well balanced control of the birth rate. In most countries such a control is already being practiced by a minority; but the masses are still continuing to multiply their numbers regardless of their children's prospects in life, regardless of the hideous suffering that must come when rival races are driven to fight with one another for room to live.

"As a means of raising the standard of human life and of guaranteeing the peace of the world, we therefore urge that all nations should publicly recognize the supreme importance of well

distributed birth control among all classes."

Among those at the first annual banquet of the conference, held in the ballroom of the Hotel Plaza, last night were Mrs. Donn Barber, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor, Mrs. Pierre Jay, Miss Virginia Young, Dr. S. Adolphus Knopf, Dr. N. S. Goldwater, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Donaldson, Dr. Elizabeth Severn, Mrs. Florence G. Tuttle, Dr. Maude Glasgow, Mrs. Amy Walker Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Brentano, Mrs. Theodora Parsons, Mrs. Anne Kennedy, Miss Clara Louise Rowe, Mrs. George Day, Mrs. Zelma Brandt, Mrs. Ernest Adey, Mrs. John C. Vaughan, Mrs. Charles N. Edge, Mrs. Ruth Litt, Mrs. Mary Snow, Mrs. Lewis A. Deland, Dr. Roy S. Copeland, Miss Lillian Vaid, Dr. Lerrop Stoddard, Miss Anne Goodrich, Dr. J. C. Vaughan, Miss Regina Deed, Dr. J. C. Vaughan, Mrs. Donald Hooker, Robert Lovett, Madison Grant, Miss Susan Yuen of Canton, China, and James McDonald.

The advocates of birth control will hold a public mass meeting to-night in Town Hall, where discussions on the subject will be led by Mrs. Sanger and Mr. Cox. This meeting will end the conference, which has been in session here since Friday.

WARSHIP'S TRIAL MONDAY.

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One thousand and ten women and one man took part in yesterday's demonstration in the interests of world peace. The count is not official, but the figure as to the male representation in the column, which started at Washington Square and proceeded north in Fifth avenue to Fifty-eighth street, is admittedly accurate. The lone man marcher looked like the husband of the woman whose footsteps he guided carefully over man-

holes and uneven pavement. And he seemed in perfect sympathy with the peace movement, judging by his earnest manner.

Mrs. Henry Villard, who is approaching the fourscore mile post, tramped every foot of the way, and said she felt splendid afterward. Her plum colored suit and her little black bonnet crowning soft white hair, were easily distinguishable in the first phalanx of women following the banner bearers, Miss Eleanor Brannan headed the parade and carried one of the early suffrage slogans.

Numerous religious banners were observed by spectators, who looked to the curb when they heard the band which preceded the peace enthusiasts. Among these quotations were "Thou Shalt Not Kill" and "On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men," after which one read such admonitions as "Scrap the battleships and the Pacific problems will settle themselves," "Build schools, not battleships," and "Mothers pay the heaviest war tax."

In the eight abreast column, which extended several blocks, were Mrs. Calvin Tomkins, Miss Ethel Traphagen, Miss Ann Mall Hicks, Miss Katherine Blake, Miss Alice Einstein, Mrs. John Dewey, Miss Katherine Devereaux Blake, Mrs. Jacob Rile, Mrs. Mabel Pot-

ter Daggett, Miss Martha Davis, Mrs. Mary Ware Dennett and Mrs. Edward M. Foot.

Mrs. Villard, chairman of the Women's Peace Society, which cooperated with the Peace Union in giving the parade, said before they started from Washington Square: "The disarmament parade this afternoon was arranged by radical women pacifists who took part in the 1917 peace parade in protest against the entrance of this country into the war. By marching to-day we desire to protest with all our might against halfway measures for relief from the brutality of war and to demand immediate, universal and complete disarmament."

CHINA PLACES ITS FULL CONFIDENCE IN PARLEY

Believes Sovereign Rights
Will Be Protected.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (Associated Press).—China entered to-day upon the discussion of Far Eastern and Pacific problems "in absolute confidence that its

sovereign rights and legitimate national interests will be respected," it was said in a statement issued prior to the convening of the conference by Dr. Alfred Soe, Chinese Minister to the United States and one of the Chinese delegates to the conference.

"The Chinese Government is convinced that by friendly agreement among the nations it is possible to establish and maintain a regime under which the legitimate interests of every nation may be fostered and safeguarded," the statement said.

"The Chinese Government is confident that there is an essential harmony between the true interests of all nations. This principle the democratic Chinese people have pursued undeviatingly since the long gone days when Greece and Rome were her contemporaries.

"To-day, with faith unshaken and confidence unabated, China believes that the world council about to open will determine the basis upon which, as far as the Pacific is concerned, such harmony may be established. China comes to this august assembly in absolute confidence that its sovereign rights and legitimate national interests will be respected."

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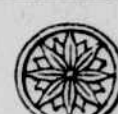
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